

"While Shepherds watched their flocks by night."

Then she called him.

"Come, my son."

"I am coming, mother."

And he went to her and climbed up on her knee and went to sleep with her kiss on his lips, and the next morning when the old darkey came to make his fire, he found him seated in the chair with a rare smile on his face, and he knew the old preacher had found a home on Christmas morning.

Sunshine Hawks.

#### MORMONISM.

"The Mormon churches give dances in their meeting houses to raise money for the young missionaries."—Christian Statesman.

The Christian Statesman, commenting upon the recent election of William H. King to the Senate from Utah, remarks: "With a Mormon priest on each side of the chamber the United States Senate will look like a temple conclave."

"The utter hypocrisy of Mormonism is illustrated by this: At the recent General Conference of the Church, Elder C. H. Hart, of the hierarchy, said: 'It (Mormonism) places the ban upon tea, coffee, tobacco and alcoholic beverage in any form.' And yet the Mormon Church store sells tea, coffee, tobacco and liquor in various forms."—Christian Statesman.

"Francis Marion Lyman, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles, which rules the Mormon Church, died in Salt Lake, November 18, 1916. He was heir apparent to the Mormon throne. His place may be filled by Apostle Grant, one of the most bigoted of the polygamous priests, or Prophet Smith may carry out his long-planned intrigue to advance his favorite son, Hyrum, to that position. The New York Tribune's notice of Lyman's death says: 'Lyman was a polygamist, with three wives, twelve sons and ten daughters, he said at the Reed Smoot Senate hearing. He told the Senate committee that Joseph Smith, the head of the Mormon Church, and all the apostles had lived in polygamy.'"

The organ of the National Reform Association, which is conducting the national fight for the passage of the anti-polygamy amendment, is authority for the following: "Mormon missionaries sometimes dispute our statement that Mormonism is an attempted substitution for Christianity. And here comes the Mormon prophet's favorite son and favorite apostle, Hyrum M. Smith, who says in a recent sermon printed in the Deseret News: 'Why, my brethren and sisters, Christianity never had the elements of success in it from the first two or three centuries after Christ. It never has succeeded and never will succeed in the world; but let it be remembered that I absolutely and positively differentiate Christianity as it is known in the world to-day from the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is much of good in it and there is much of bad in it; there is much of truth and there is much of error; but it is lacking in that spirit which enables men to discern the good from the bad and the truth from the error. There is not within it that power that impels men to seek for God and to keep His commandments and to keep themselves from evil. That power is wanting in what is called Christianity.'"

The following list of offices held by Joseph F. Smith, the president of the Mormon Church, is given by James S. Martin, M. A., general superintendent of the National Reform Association, which, from its headquarters in Pittsburgh and throughout the country, is conducting a campaign to over-

come the evils of Mormonism:

"Prophet Smith is a director in the Union Pacific Railway. This was the favorite railway corporation of the late Edward H. Harriman. The Union Pacific was re-incorporated in Utah under a plenary statute which was secretly procured by the Mormon rulers. The connection between the Union Pacific and other great transportation companies of the country is so close that the prophet has access to all the leaders in this line of business, to financiers who supply the money for railway improvement, and to manufacturers who supply materials.

"Prophet Smith is director of the Deseret News Publishing Company, which is the official publishing house of the Mormon Church.

"Prophet Smith is also president of the following: The Beneficial Life Insurance Company; The Consolidated Wagon and Machine Company; The Utah Hotel Company, which built the marvelously beautiful hostelry which gells whiskey near the Mormon Temple; The Inland Cystal Salt Company, which controls the output of salt from the great Salt Lake, with its 14,000,000 tons; The Zion Savings Bank and Trust Company; the Zion Co-operative Mercantile Institution, that mammoth store, which has a wholesale and retail liquor department; The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, which dominates the western beet sugar trust.

"Prophet Smith is director in or a potential influence in a dozen other great corporations.

"No one dares to rebel against his Church's tyranny. The Mormon will not, because rebellion against the prophet is rebellion against the Mormon god. The non-Mormon dares not, because commercial and political ostracism will work his destruction. To-day the Mormon prophet is the most powerful and insensate industrial and financial autocrat in the United States. Even publicity concerning his crimes is difficult to procure.

"The National Reform Association's remedy is a thoroughly lawful and patriotic one, already approved by precedent. It is just also, in that it will injure no innocent person.

"The Association proposes this: That the Attorney-General of the United States shall bring a proceeding to compel the Mormon prophet to account for the trust fund which he received from the government. That ought to have been done long ago. Neglect of a plain public duty, through many administrations, has permitted the Mormon prophet to perpetrate his financial offending until it has reached a magnitude and power invincible against local attack.

"Let every reader write at once to the Attorney-General of the United States, at Washington, asking him to bring proceeding to compel an accounting of the property which the government bestowed upon the Mormon Church in trust."

#### A SCOFFER SILENCED.

A minister of the Presbyterian Church in America delivered a series of discourses against infidelity in a town in Louisiana, on the Red river, some of the citizens of which were known to be skeptical. A few days afterwards he took passage on a steamer ascending the Mississippi, and found on board several of the citizens of that town, among whom was a disciple of Tom Paine, noted as the ring-leader of a band of infidels. So soon as he discovered the minister he proposed to his companions to go with him to the opposite side of the table and listen to some stories that he had to tell upon religion and religious men, which he said would annoy

the old preacher. Quite a number, prompted by curiosity, gathered around him to listen to his vulgar were pointed against the Bible and its ministers. The preacher did not raise his eyes from the book which he was reading, nor appear to be the least disconcerted by the presence of the rabble. At length the infidel walked up to him, and, rudely slapping him on the shoulder, said:

"Old fellow, what do you think of these things?"

He calmly pointed out of the door, and said: "Do you see that beautiful landscape spread out in such quiet beauty before you?"

"Yes."

"It has a variety of flowers, plants and shrubs, that are calculated to fill the beholder with delight."

"Yes."

"Well, if you were to send out a dove he would pass over that scene and see in it all that was beautiful and lovely, and delight himself in gazing at and admiring it; but if you were to send out a buzzard over pre-

cisely the same scene, he would see in it nothing to fix his attention, unless he could find some rotten carcass that would be loathsome to all other animals, in which case he would alight and gloat upon it with exquisite pleasure."

"Do you mean to compare me with a buzzard, sir?" said the infidel, coloring very deeply, and walking off in confusion. He went by the name of "The Buzzard" during the remainder of the passage.—Selected.

The Church is the communion of believing and worshipping souls, living a supernatural life in the midst of the world, and thus, by their simple presence, extending the borders of the kingdom of heaven, as the leaven permeates the mass, as the lamp illumines the darkness, as the spring of living water makes the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose.—David Smith.

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing in the Lord.—Col. 3:20.

## FERTILIZER FACTS No. 33

# Order Your Spring Fertilizers Early!

## Shortage of Empty Freight Cars

September, 1916	-	-	19,000
October, 1916	-	-	60,000
November, 1916	-	-	108,000
December, 1916, (estimated)	-	-	112,000

The Situation is Growing Worse

Early movement of fertilizers for spring use is necessary this year because of the congested condition of shipping and the shortage in railroad cars and labor throughout the country.

Indications point to a big increased demand for fertilizers this spring. Even in normal times it is hard to move the 4,500,000 tons used by farmers in the spring. Unless orders are placed immediately for prompt shipment no one can insure your goods arriving in time. Order full 30-ton cars instead of 15-ton cars.

No matter what the weather conditions may be this spring you can't afford to plant without fertilizer, so you take no chances in ordering early. With present prices for cotton and all farm products, fertilizer will be doubly profitable. Protect yourself by hauling your fertilizers now when you have plenty of time. Farm profits depend upon having a good supply of plant-food on hand when you need it.

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